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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
WORKLOAD-AWARE REQUEST
DISTRIBUTION IN CLUSTER-BASED
NETWORK SERVERS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 8-13 are canceled without prejudice.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.